



**NLUD-LDRN 6th General Conference at National Law University Delhi, India**  
**(19th – 21st August 2023)**

**About the Conference:**

The ever increasing interaction between global legal policy processes and institutions with the domestic ones have renewed the interest of governments, legal community, policy makers and researchers in examining the role of law and possibilities of reforms to meet the objectives of development challenges and inclusive growth. Research in the field of Law and development in about three quarters of a century has unambiguously established that law plays an emphatic role in the addressing the challenges related to economic development, growth & distributive equality in the countries of the global south and elsewhere.

Law and development research sits at the cross junction of disciplines as varied as economics, sociology, political science, cultural studies and many more including law. Without doubt it is truly an interdisciplinary field of study.

Law and development network was set up to “*enhance knowledge and understanding of the role of law, both domestic and international, in relation to development and governance, as perceived globally and locally, and is therefore concerned with the social functioning of legal systems primarily in the context of countries in the Global south*”. National Law University, as a leading Law University of Global South is proud to host the NLUD-LDRN 6th General Conference at National Law University Delhi, India, 19 – 21 August 2023. The Centre for Law, Justice and development at National Law University, Delhi is partner with LDRN.

The conference will be a unique opportunity from the scholars from the South Asia to share their ideas on the development challenges of the regions with others parts of the Global South & North. It will also be a great opportunity to forge academic and research partnerships among the scholars and the institutions present in the conference.

The 6<sup>th</sup> Conference of Law and development hosted by the National Law University, Delhi is taking place in the context of pulls and pressures of globalisation and localisation. While the process of globalisation produces homogenisation and sameness, at the same time localisation produces uniqueness and differentiation. The simultaneous but paradoxical process of globalisation and localisation has created deep ambivalences in the trajectories of law, Justice and development in the countries of global south. They are often unpredictable, contradictory, plural and heterogeneous. Therefore, the real challenge before the academia and researchers engaged with the various facets of law and development is to address the justice for people. Some of them will be addressed by the conference.

### **Theme of the conference: Locating Justice**

The Conference will discuss a wide variety of themes around its theme and subjects relevant to Law and Development.

- a. Law and Development and beyond : Theoretical considerations, mapping challenges and alternatives
- b. Development, Justice and Human Rights: Socio-economic Rights including water and sanitation rights & Right to Development
- c. Climate justice
- d. Gender justice
- e. Disability Rights and Justice
- f. Law and justice for indigenous people including Tribal people of India
- g. Globalisation , Corporations, Law and Development
- h. Suffering, Injustice and the Dialectics of Law and Development
- i. Democracy, Digitalisation, Development and Law
- j. International Law, Institutional Governance and Development

The conference has kept the themes sufficiently broad to make as many submissions as possible. However, NLUD and LDRN reserve the right to select papers for final presentation in the conference. The final papers will also be grouped in tracks (about 6-8 taking into account the selection process) besides the opening and valedictory sessions.

### **Venue, Accommodation and Costs:**

National Law University, Delhi will be the main venue of the conference. The University is located close to the international airport of Delhi and well connected to the city centre by Delhi Metro Service. National Law University has a small guest house with limited accommodation for international participants. It will be provided on the Professors travelling to Delhi for the conference on priority basis. We regret our inability to provide accommodation and travel costs for all the participants. There are good hotels (<https://www.itchotels.com/in/en/welcomhoteldwarka>, <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-new-delhi-dwarka>, [Southwest Inn, 3-star hotel Building no 90, Block B -10, 4, Sector 13 Main Rd, opposite Radisson Gate, New Delhi, Delhi 110078](#)) in the vicinity of the university which can be booked by the participants for their stay in Delhi.

### **Registration fee**

The registration fee for the conference is \$50 for international participants and Rs.3000/- for domestic participants. All international and domestic PhD candidates will get to participate in the conference at fifty percent of the conference fee. Link for the same will be shared after the final paper selection process to the conference participants.

### **Organising Committee:**

#### **India**

1. Prof.(Dr.) Harpreet Kaur, Vice Chancellor, NLU, Delhi
2. Prof. (Dr.) Maheshwar Singh, Conference Co-ordinator

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### International:

1. Prof (Dr.) Koen De Feyeter, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Antwerp Belgium
2. Prof. Joanna Botha, Professor of Law, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa
3. Prof. C. Ignacio de Casas, Academic Secretary, Faculty of Law, Universidad Austral

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### Call for papers

There will be **4** (or, exceptionally, 5) **papers per panel** to give presenters and discussants adequate time for fruitful engagement. In preparing abstracts of their proposed papers, we encourage prospective participants to *engage with issues related to law & development and address the conference theme*. In addition to the general call for individual papers, we also encourage individuals to organise their own panels by coordinating with colleagues, preferably from other NLUD and LDRN institutions along the subject of the conference. This will allow for the panels to be more cohesive and will also foster greater collaboration between academics, which is one of the key aims of the NLUD-LDRN conference.

### Selection criteria for papers

The papers will be selected on a competitive basis. The selection will be done jointly by the group of senior academics involved with law & development. The selection criteria will be as follows:

1. Quality of the abstract
2. A focus on law and development
3. Relevance to the broad theme
4. Geographical diversity of presenters
5. Balance between senior and junior presenters
6. Participants must be Professors at a university, or Ph.D. holders or candidates. Exceptionally, we may consider excellent submissions by full-time researchers by LDRN partner's institution with at least an LL.M. Submissions from development practitioners who pursue research are also welcomed.
6. Please read the following instructions carefully before submitting abstracts General guidelines for abstract and full paper submissions
7. **The deadline for submission of individual abstracts is 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023. However, an extension of one week until 15<sup>th</sup> of March will be given to abstract submissions.** Please submit your abstract online using the link <https://forms.gle/Nf9s3p8pLBgkwoSU7>. Abstracts received after the submission deadline may be declined.
8. Participants will be notified in early April 2023 on the status of their submission. Acceptance of abstracts will be notified through email and it is important that you provide a valid email address with each abstract submission. Upon acceptance of abstracts, **full papers must be submitted by 30th June 2023**.
9. Selection will be made on a competitive basis.
10. The organisers reserve the right to make changes to the panel allocation.

### **Format of Abstracts**

The Abstract shall not exceed 500 words. The first page of the submission must contain the title of the paper, the name of the author(s) along with a Cover Letter. The abstract should be in Times New Roman, font size 12, with 1.5 lines spacing, and footnotes (if any) in Times New Roman, font size 10, with single line spacing. The texts and footnotes must conform to OSCOLA 4<sup>th</sup> Edition. Only one co-authorship is allowed. The Abstract should followed by an outline of the article with a brief Discussion. The submission of the abstract must be in (.doc) or (.docx) The submission should contain a disclaimer to the effect that the piece is original and has not been published or is under consideration, for publication, elsewhere. All submissions are subject to a Plagiarism check.

### **Format of Full paper**

Upon selection, the participants shall submit full paper in the format as prescribed. The length of the full paper including tables, diagrams, illustrations, references, etc. shall not be less than 3000 words and shall not exceed 7000 words. The paper should be typed in (.doc) or (.docx) format and should be as per Times New Roman 12-point font with 1.5 line spacing. The Footnotes shall be typed in Times New Roman 10 point font with single-line spacing. All citations should be placed in footnotes (and not endnotes) and shall conform to the Oxford Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities (4th Edn, 2012). All submissions are subject to a Plagiarism check. Only one co-authorship is allowed. The submission should contain a disclaimer to the effect that the piece is original and has not been published or is under consideration, for publication, elsewhere.

\*N.B: Programme details as well as the panels will be put on the webpage well before the dates of the conference: